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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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EXAMINER: Y. Valenrod

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FOR: METHOD OF INHIBITING NONSPECIFIC INTERACTION BETWEEN
MOLECULES ON SOLID PHASE SUPPORT

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 10, 2009, Applicants provisionally elect, for examination purposes only, Formula (Ie) of claim 30. The Examiner notes that the claims are deemed to correspond to the species in the following manner:

Claims 24-26, 30-31 are directed to a hydrophilic spacer comprising the species.

Claims 27-29, 32-34 and 39-41 are directed to a complex that comprises a hydrophilic spacer as described in claim 24.

Claims 35-37 are directed to a compound which comprises the same hydrophilic spacer as described in claim 24.

Claims 24-37 and 39-41 have been deemed generic by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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